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BEHIND

**THE NIGHT OF
RED SNOW ?**





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A FEW MINUTES LATER...

POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
SERGEANT BERNSTEIN
SPEAKING...



I JUST RECEIVED WORD THAT
MALLORY'S ESCAPED!
MALLORY THINKS I FRAMED
HIM, SERGEANT, HE SWORE
HE'D BREAK OUT AND COME
TO GET ME! I WANT
A POLICE GUARD AT
MY HOUSE AT ONCE!



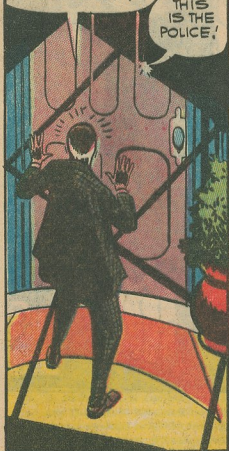
HOLD ON A MINUTE,
SERGEANT! THERE
IS SOMEONE AT
THE DOOR!

RING!



WHAT AM I DOING? I
CAN'T OPEN THE
DOOR! WHAT IF
IT'S MALLORY?

OPEN
UP!
THIS
IS THE
POLICE!



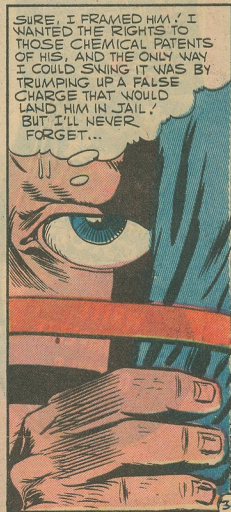
I WAS
JUST
TALKING
TO HEAD-
QUARTERS...

WE BEAT YOU TO THE PUNCH, PRENTICE!
WE'RE HERE TO SET UP A TWENTY-
FOUR HOUR GUARD ON YOUR HOUSE!

NOT
THAT
IT'LL
DO
YOU MUCH
GOOD!

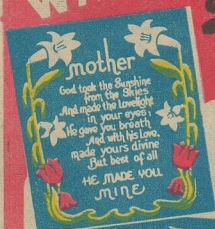


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...WHAT THAT CRAZY LITTLE CHEMIST YELLED AS THEY LED HIM AWAY...

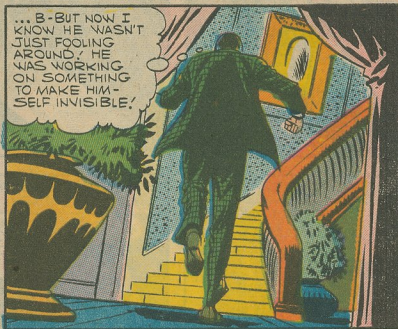
YOU DID THIS TO ME, PRENTICE! BUT I'LL GET OUT SOONER THAN YOU THINK...

...AND I'LL COME BACK FOR YOU. I'LL COME FOR YOU, PRENTICE!



WHEN I HEARD THAT HE WAS FOOLING AROUND WITH CHEMICALS IN JAIL... I THOUGHT NOTHING OF IT...

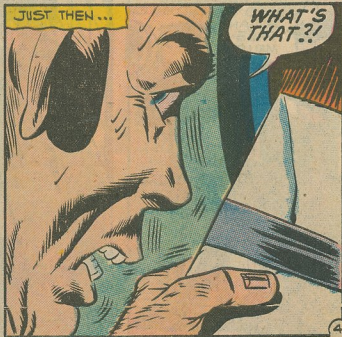
...B-BUT NOW I KNOW HE WASN'T JUST FOOLING AROUND! HE WAS WORKING ON SOMETHING TO MAKE HIMSELF INVISIBLE!



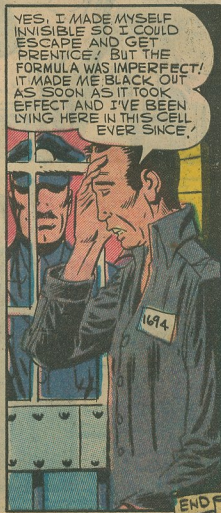
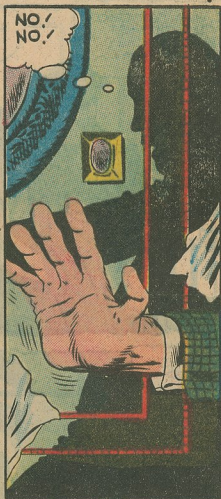
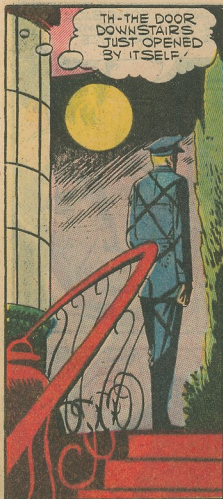
I--I'M NOT GOING TO BE HERE WHEN HE COMES. I'LL RUN AWAY... HIDE OUT SOME PLACE WHERE HE'LL NEVER FIND ME.

JUST THEN...

WHAT'S THAT?!



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Nobody here in Crestville will ever forget that night! It was the eeriest storm ever glimpsed by human eyes on land or sea! It was...

THE NIGHT OF THE RED SNOW

I WAS MAYOR OF CRESTVILLE, IT WAS UP TO ME TO DO SOMETHING...

ALL WOMEN AND CHILDREN STAY INSIDE! I WANT EVERY ABLE-BODIED MAN OVER AT MY PLACE ON THE DOUBLE!



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Steve Ditko

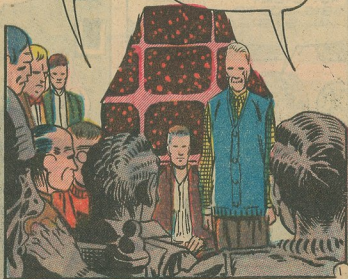
THEY WERE COMING NOW, THEIR FACES TWISTED BY FEAR FOR SO MANY HOURS, SHINING AT LAST WITH A SMALL FLICKER OF HOPE...

THEY THINK I KNOW THE SECRET OF THE RED SNOW, IT'LL GO HARD ON THEM WHEN THEY HEAR I'M AS MUCH IN THE DARK AS THEY ARE.



WE'RE ALL HERE, MAYOR!

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT? WHAT HAVE YOU HEARD?



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NOT A THING, THE HIGH WINDS WE HAD EARLIER, KNOCKED ALL THE WIRES DOWN, AND NOW SOMETHING IN THE ATMOSPHERE IS JAMMING ALL RADIO SIGNALS.

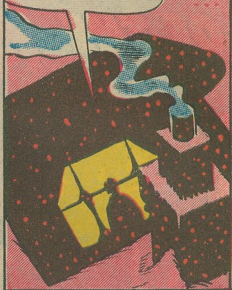


Y-YOU MEAN WE'RE BLOCKED OFF FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD?

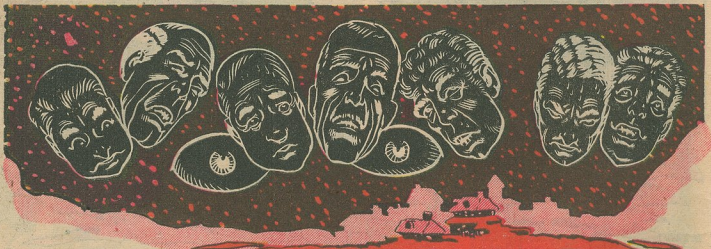
WE - WE CAN'T CALL FOR HELP, OR EVEN FIND OUT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT?



I'M SORRY, BUT THAT'S HOW IT IS, THE BIG THING NOW IS TO KEEP CALM, IF WE DON'T LOSE OUR HEADS, MAYBE WE'LL BE ABLE TO FIGURE THIS OUT BY OURSELVES.



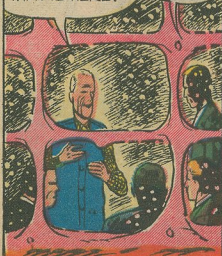
BUT THINKING IS HARD WHEN EVERYBODY'S HEART IS SO CHOKED UP WITH THE NAMELESS FEAR INSPIRED BY THOSE BIG RED FLAKES STILL DRIPPING SOUNDLESSLY ON CRESTVILLE...



BUT SUDDENLY...

WAIT A SECOND! NOT EVERY ABLE-BODIED MAN IS HERE!

WHO'S MISSING?



DUAL!

HMPF -- YOU COULD HARDLY CALL HIM ABLE-BODIED!



I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN... STILL, THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT DUAL... SOMETHING JUST AS OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD AS THE SNOW FALLING ON THIS TOWN!

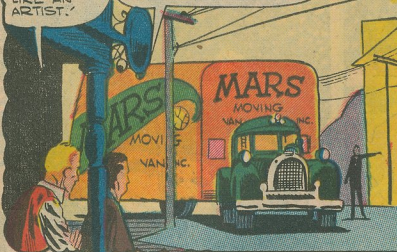


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WE FELL INTO SILENCE AGAIN! ALL OF US WERE REMEMBERING THE FIRST DAY DUVAL HAD COME TO CRESTVILLE...

HMM...LOOKS LIKE AN ARTIST.'

MUST BE THE FELLOW SAM SNYDER SOLD HIS HOUSE TO.'



NOT VERY FRIENDLY, EH?

LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOT SOMETHING ON HIS MIND. WONDER WHAT HE CAME HERE FOR?



AND NOW WE WERE REMEMBERING THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED...

THERE'S DUVAL AGAIN.'

WONDER WHAT HE'S UP TO: ALWAYS CARRYING A BLANK CANVAS... AND ALWAYS STARING UP AT THE SKY.'



...AND THE NIGHTS...

THERE ARE THOSE LIGHTS SHINING UP AT DUVAL'S PLACE AGAIN.'

I GOT A FAST LOOK THROUGH ONE OF HIS WINDOWS ONCE! LOOKS MORE LIKE A MACHINE SHOP IN THERE THAN AN ARTIST'S STUDIO.'

THERE'S SOMETHING BIG ON HIS MIND! SOMETHING THAT WON'T LET HIM REST TILL HE FINDS IT.'



AND WE ALL GASPED TOGETHER WHEN WE REMEMBERED WHAT WE HAD SEEN TODAY, JUST ONE HOUR BEFORE THE HIGH WINDS THAT WERE FOLLOWED BY THE RED SNOW...

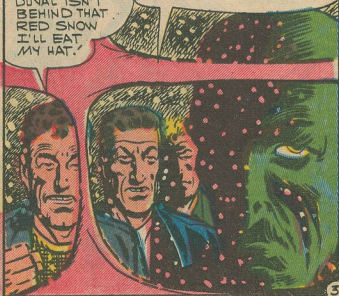
WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW! DUVAL'S SMILING! LOOKS LIKE THE CAT THAT SWALLOWED THE CANARY, DOESN'T HE?

OR MAYBE THE MAN WHO'S FOUND AT LAST WHAT HE'S BEEN LOOKING FOR.'



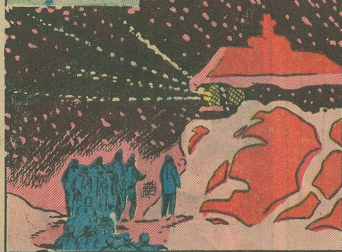
YOU'RE RIGHT, MAJOR. IF DUVAL ISN'T BEHIND THAT RED SNOW I'LL EAT MY HAT.'

WHAT'RE WE WAITING FOR? LET'S PAY HIM A VISIT.'



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WHAT WERE WE WAITING FOR? FOR THE NAME-
LESS DREAD TO RELAX ITS STRANGLEHOLD
AND LET OUR FEAR-STIFFENED LEGS CARRY
US UP THE STEEP PATH WE'D HAVE TO CLIMB
TO DUNAL'S HOUSE? THAT'S WHAT WE WERE
WAITING FOR...



I WAS THE MINOR!
IT WAS UP TO ME
TO MAKE THE
FIRST MOVE...

I'M GOING UP
THERE, MEN, EVEN
IF I HAVE TO GO ALONE!



WE'RE
COMING
ALONG!

IT WOULDN'T BE
FAIR TO LET YOU
GO UP BY YOUR-
SELF!



LOOKS TO ME
LIKE THOSE
RAYS FROM
DUNAL'S
HOUSE
HAVE NEVER
BEEN
BRIGHTER!

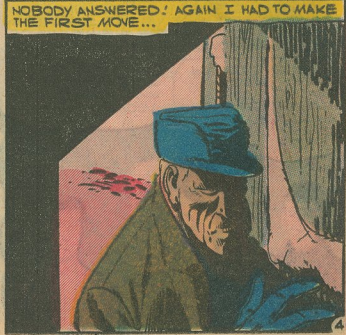
IT STANDS
TO REASON
THEY WOULD
BE... IF
THEY'RE PART
OF WHAT'S
BEHIND THE
RED SNOW!



DUNAL! ARE YOU
IN THERE!



NOBODY ANSWERED! AGAIN I HAD TO MAKE
THE FIRST MOVE...

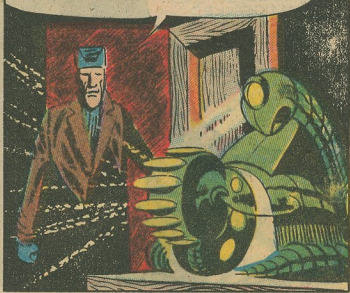


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BUT THIS TIME NOBODY CAME AFTER ME!
I WAS ALL ALONE AS I WENT THROUGH THAT
HOUSE, ROOM BY ROOM...



THE HOUSE IS EMPTY! DUVAL'S NOT
AROUND... BUT THERE'S THAT MACHINE
OF HIS THAT SENDS UP RAYS!



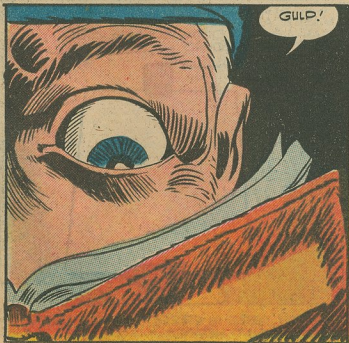
HMMM... WHAT'S
THIS? LOOKS
LIKE DUVAL
WAS KEEPING
A JOURNAL!



...SAYS HERE THAT HE CAME TO CREST-
VILLE BECAUSE THE TOWN IS
SO HIGH ON THE MOUNTAIN! SAYS
THAT...



GULD!



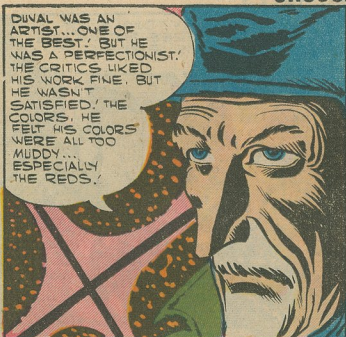
A FEW MINUTES LATER...

YOU FIND ANYTHING,
MAYOR?

Y-YES, BUT IT
DOESN'T MAKE
SENSE!



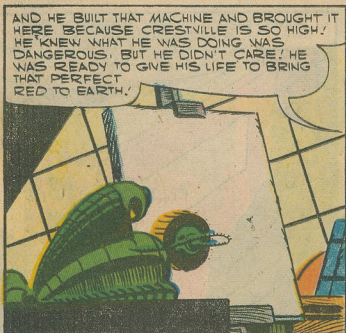
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DIVAL WAS AN ARTIST... ONE OF THE BEST! BUT HE WAS A PERFECTIONIST! THE CRITICS LIKED HIS WORK FINE, BUT HE WASN'T SATISFIED! THE COLORS, HE FELT HIS COLORS WERE ALL TOO MUDDY... ESPECIALLY THE REDS!



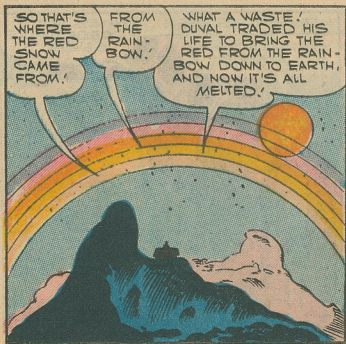
IT BECAME A SORT OF OBSESSION WITH HIM! HE DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO A SEARCH FOR THE PERFECT RED! THEN HE GOT THIS IDEA THAT THERE WAS NO PERFECT RED TO BE FOUND ON EARTH... THAT THE PLACE TO GET IT FROM WAS FROM THE SKY!



AND HE BUILT THAT MACHINE AND BROUGHT IT HERE BECAUSE CRESTVILLE IS SO HIGH! HE KNEW WHAT HE WAS DOING WAS DANGEROUS, BUT HE DIDN'T CARE! HE WAS READY TO GIVE HIS LIFE TO BRING THAT PERFECT RED TO EARTH!



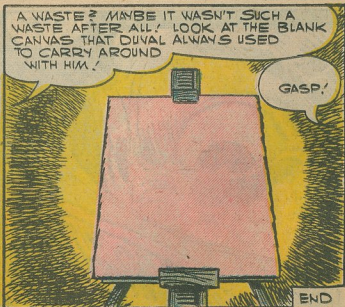
JUST THEN... LOOK, THE SUN CAME OUT! ALL THE RED'S MELTED UNDERFOOT... AND THE SNOW'S TURNED TO RAIN! A PLAIN RAIN WITHOUT ANY COLOR AT ALL!



SO THAT'S WHERE THE RED SNOW CAME FROM!

FROM THE RAIN-BOW!

WHAT A WASTE! DIVAL TRADED HIS LIFE TO BRING THE RED FROM THE RAIN-BOW DOWN TO EARTH, AND NOW IT'S ALL MELTED!



A WASTE? MAYBE IT WASN'T SUCH A WASTE AFTER ALL! LOOK AT THE BLANK CANVAS THAT DIVAL ALWAYS USED TO CARRY AROUND WITH HIM!

GASP!

END

NOBODY HERE IN CRESTVILLE WILL EVER FORGET THAT NIGHT!

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I guess every person finds the chance to do some daydreaming. And about what? Maybe a castle in Spain, or fighting pirates over a beautiful princess, or looking for adventure. When it comes to Adventure, with a capital A, we want something unusual.

So long as you sit in an easy chair in your home you can daydream with safety about the unusual. Close your eyes and see yourself at the bottom of the ocean in a diver's outfit. A shark is headed your way. Out comes your knife! This is going to be a tough battle, but don't worry, you will win.

Or there you are climbing up the highest mountain in Switzerland. The rope starts to break. Hanging by one hand you look down and see thousands of feet of snow. Somehow you must save yourself and also the beautiful girl you met last week. But cheer up! You'll save her!

You find yourself in some Forgotten-Land. Your porters have deserted you. Now you are face to face with the monsters that were supposed to be extinct. Your trusty rifle is ready. You only have eleven bullets, and there are twelve of those monsters. Don't worry too much. Let the creatures do the worrying for you are going to conquer.

And that is exactly the kind of daydreaming I used to do. My work was routine. Nothing unusual could happen to me. But in my world of daydreams, the unusual was the usual. Made me forget I was just a plain ordinary clerk working in the Second National Bank.

And then on that Friday afternoon, just before I was ready to leave, Mr. Michael Spangler, the manager stopped me.

"Just received a telephone call from the Winston People. Mr. Winston has to get some re-

cords and check them tomorrow. He asked if we could keep the vault open for him. He is one of our best customers. So you and Otto Putman will check in at nine. Take only about two hours. You will receive a full day's pay plus a bonus of ten dollars."

I had a date with Ruth Loan. Wanted to take her to Lakeside Park for a picnic. But how could I refuse Mr. Spangler? I hesitated but a minute and then replied.

"I'll be here. I have an appointment with a young lady. I'll call her when I get home and tell her I will be late."

Maybe Ruth Loan had a headache. Maybe she was upset about something else. I didn't expect an argument over the phone.

"If you don't want to take me, just say so," she barked on the other end of the line. "That's just a poor excuse. The banks are closed on Saturday."

Net result was she hung up on me, and I felt rather depressed. For I liked Ruth Loan very much and intended some day to ask her to marry me. I had supper by myself and then went over to the bowling alley and played with some of the boys. The next morning I had breakfast in the corner lunchroom and drove to the bank. Mr. Spangler was there.

I went down to the vault room. Inside Otto Putman had arranged a table and three chairs. Mr. Winston joined us and soon we were helping him check records.

"I really am sorry to have you two work on such a nice day," apologized Mr. Winston. "But these records must be checked. We have to keep our export records up-to-date."

At the end of an hour, Mr. Winston was thirsty. He arose from his seat at the table and walked across the vault. He touched the vault

door and it swung tight and closed itself.

"I didn't know I was such a strong man at my age," he half laughed. "How can such a heavy door move this way?"

"Ball bearings plus special motors," explained Otto Putman. "Notice the small plunger with the red letters? You can't be locked in this vault room. Now watch me push the plunger and release the inner catch that holds the door."

Otto Putman put his thumb and jokingly moved it up and down on the plunger. Then he exerted force. The plunger didn't move an inch!

"Something must be wrong with the safety catch!" he shouted to me: "Come and see what you can do."

I walked over and couldn't budge the plunger at all. But why worry?

"We can finish the records and Mr. Spangler will be down to open the vault," I said.

We worked for thirty minutes more. It was getting a bit warm. I turned on the fan and it helped some.

"Haven't you a phone connection here?" demanded Mr. Winston.

"No phone in the vault," I replied. "Phone is outside."

"A lot of good that will do us," commented Otto Putman. "I hope Mr. Spangler comes down."

We waited and waited. The air was getting heavier and heavier. Sure, even a school kid knows you breathe in oxygen and exhale carbon dioxide. At the end of two and a half hours we were all scared. We would have been terribly frightened that moment if we could have seen Mr. Spangler in his office. He was sprawled across the desk top. He had a heart attack and was gulping for air!

"Surely you can do something with the safety catch or plunger or whatever it is that opens this vault door," pleaded Mr. Winston.

There were beads of perspiration dripping down over his face. Believe me, I was getting shivers down my spine. Without air to breathe, we couldn't last very long. I did my best, but to no avail. The door certainly was closed tight.

At the end of another hour we knew something definitely was wrong. I tried a joke.

"Maybe Mr. Spangler forgot we were here. They say he is absent-minded."

Otto Putman had opened the collar of his shirt. There was a very glassy look in his eyes.

"Vengeance of the Vault," he began to repeat. "This is my punishment. I don't want to die!"

I looked at him. Sure, there was something on his mind. He turned to me and now he was crying.

"I just took a little money at a time," he began. "I figured I could pay it back. Lost it on

the horses. A plain thief — that's what I am! But I don't deserve such a punishment."

He was now hysterical and I made him sit down. I looked at the fan and the lights.

"If I short circuit the lights," I said to Mr. Winston, "then I will blow a fuse. Maybe on the main circuit. The fan will stop. We can get light because we have two lights for emergency use on a battery. If the lights upstairs go out, maybe Mr. Spangler will realize something is wrong."

I didn't get an answer from Mr. Winston nor did I expect one. I pulled the wire out from the fan and carefully touched an exposed end to the metal base. There was a flash, and the vault lights went out. Then the two emergency lights went on but the fan stopped.

It got warmer and warmer. I felt myself gasping for air. The lights apparently hadn't gone out upstairs. I went over to the table. I wanted to write my last thoughts while I could clearly think. And they were for Ruth Loan. I managed to write: "Ruth Darling — I have always loved you . . ."

Then I stopped. I remembered I had a pocket knife. I opened it, went over to the plunger and removed two small screws. Maybe I could fix it. I worked and worked but nothing happened. I was sitting on a small stool. Seemed to me that both men had fainted. I tried to awaken them, but didn't succeed. Then I felt their pulse and it was a comfort to know they still were alive.

You always win in the daydream, but this was real! I started to push and push with all my weight against the vault door. And then it opened. I stumbled and fainted. When I opened my eyes, Ruth Loan was holding my head.

"Take it easy," she told me. "Everything is o.k. You were saved just in time."

It was Ruth Loan who really did the rescue work. She was sorry for the way she had acted. She had called up my boarding house. When she found I wasn't there, she took a cab to the bank. My car was parked outside and she couldn't get in. So she got the traffic officer and talked to him. She insisted something was wrong. They then contacted two bank officials. Good thing they knew we were working there. They opened the bank and found Mr. Spangler who was taken at once to the hospital. Then they opened the vault and found the three of us out cold.

Otto Putman made a full confession. He was sent to the state prison. Mr. Winston insisted on giving Ruth and myself a wonderful present which enabled us both to get married. But I'll never forget that unusual experience. Believe me, daydreaming is still the safest way to enjoy Adventure.

— THE END —

ESCAPE



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LOUIS DAKES WAS A THIEF THROUGH AND THROUGH THERE WASN'T A SINGLE MORAL SCRUPLE IN HIS BODY, YET HE DREADED THE CONSEQUENCES OF HIS CRIMES BEYOND EVERYTHING, SO EVEN AT THE GREATEST PERIL TO HIS LIFE HE SOUGHT...
ESCAPE!

EEEEEE

IF THEY CATCH ME, IT'LL MEAN PRISON FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS! I WON'T GO TO PRISON... I WON'T! I'D RATHER DIE!

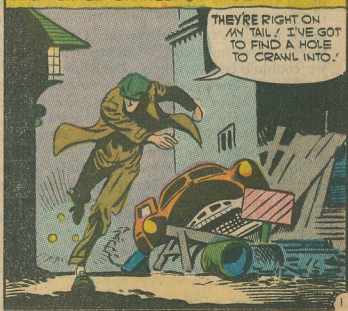
AS HE DROVE, HE REMEMBERED THE AGONY RESULTING FROM A CHILDHOOD BLUNDER WHEN HE'D BEEN LOCKED IN A DARK CLOSET FOR THREE HOURS...

I'LL DRIVE THIS CAR OFF A CLIFF BEFORE I LET THEM CATCH ME! IT WOULD BE LIKE THAT CLOSET ALL OVER AGAIN!



A SHARP TURN, A DEAD END STREET BARRIER, AND DAKES BRAKED TO A CRASHING STOP...

THEY'RE RIGHT ON MY TAIL! I'VE GOT TO FIND A HOLE TO CRAWL INTO!



UNUSUAL TALES

THE DOORS WERE ALL SHUT! THE HOUSE APPEARED ABANDONED! AND SO...

THIS SHOULD BE A DECENT PLACE TO HIDE! IF THEY MISS THE CAR, THEY'LL NEVER LOOK HERE!



WARILY, DAKES SEARCHED THE HOUSE AND IN THE BASEMENT

KEEP QUIET, DOC, AND YOU WON'T GET HURT! WHAT'S ALL THIS FANCY GLASS ABOUT?

I... I'M A SCIENTIST! THIS IS MY LABORATORY!



PRODDED BY THE MENACING GUN, THE SCIENTIST REVEALED THE NATURE OF HIS PROJECT...

I'M WORKING ON AN EXPERIMENT TO SHRINK LIVING THINGS! YOU WOULDN'T BE INTERESTED?

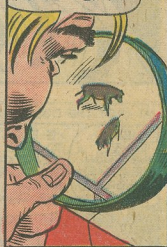
THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG, DOC. I PULLED A JOB AND THE COPPER ARE BREATHING DOWN MY NECK! THE SMALLER I CAN GET RIGHT NOW, THE BETTER! SHOW ME WHAT YOU'VE DONE!



LOOK THROUGH THIS MAGNIFYING GLASS! I'VE TRIED THE SERUM ON SOME ANIMALS!



HEY, THEY'RE CUTE! AND THEY LOOK LIKE SPECKS WITHOUT THIS GLASS! NOBODY WOULD EVER NOTICE THEM!



FOR A MOMENT DAKES TOYED WITH THE IDEA! THEN, WHEN HE REALIZED ALL OTHER ESCAPE WAS CUT OFF...

OPEN UP! IT'S THE POLICE!



GIVE ME THE STUFF QUICK! I DON'T HAVE ANY CHOICE!

BUT I'VE NEVER TRIED IT ON HUMANS!



UNUSUAL TALES

BEFORE THE SCIENTIST'S HORRIFIED EYES, DAKES GREW SMALLER AND SMALLER...

THAT STUFF WAS BITTER... BUT IT'S WORKING...



EVERYTHING LOOKS SO BIG!



I MUST BE HALF AN INCH TALL NOW! THE COPS WILL NEVER FIND ME NOW!



AT LAST THE DOOR BUCKLED...

WHERE IS HE? WE KNOW HE CAME IN HERE!

HE FORCED ME TO GIVE HIM SOME OF MY CELL SHRINKING SERUM, THEN HE DRANK IT!



GOOD HEAVENS! HE'S DISAPPEARED COMPLETELY! MY SERUM WAS TOO POTENT!

IT SOUNDS SCREWY TO ME! YOU STAY HERE, JOE, WHILE I SEARCH THE REST OF THE HOUSE!



DAKES HARDLY KNEW WHERE HE WAS! ONLY THAT HE WAS IN DANGER AND STILL SHRINKING...

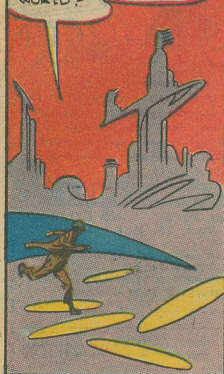
GOT TO GET AWAY! THOSE SHOES COULD CRUSH ME LIKE AN ANT!



UNUSUAL TALES

RUNNING IN TERROR, DAKES REACHED A WALL AND UN-CHECKED, WENT THROUGH ITS MOLECULAR FIBRES...

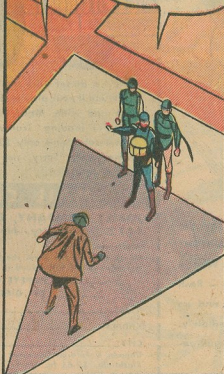
'WHERE AM I? LOOKS LIKE A STREET... AND HOUSES ALL AROUND. MAYBE I'VE DISCOVERED A NEW WORLD?'



SUDDENLY...

'WH-WHO ARE YOU? WHERE AM I?'

'YOU ARE IN THE LAND OF MICROCOSMOPOLIS, THE TINY WORLD WITHIN THE GREATER ONE! AND WE ARE ITS PEOPLE!'



'YOU ARE AN ALIEN HERE, DAKES, AND AS SUCH YOU MUST ABIDE BY OUR LAWS.'

'ME, AN ALIEN? WHY, YOU SHRIMP, I'LL PUNCH YOU IN THE NOSE!'



AS DAKES RAISED A THREATENING FIST...

'OOWWW! HEY, ENOUGH! TURN THOSE THINGS OFF, I'LL LISTEN.'

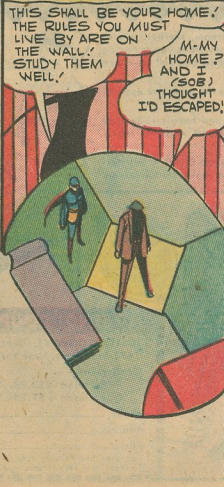
'TELL US YOU HAVE A CRIMINAL MENTALITY, DAKES! WE CAN READ YOUR EVERY THOUGHT! THEREFORE, WE MUST ISOLATE YOU FROM THE COMMUNITY AS WE WOULD A DISEASE! COME.'



A SHORT TIME LATER ...

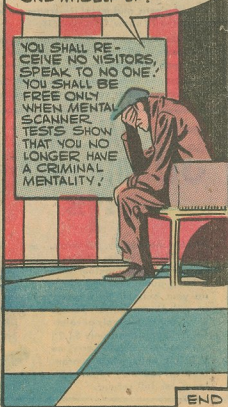
'THIS SHALL BE YOUR HOME! THE RULES YOU MUST LIVE BY ARE ON THE WALL! STUDY THEM WELL.'

'M-MY HOME? AND I (SOB) THOUGHT I'D ESCAPED!'



'THIS IS (SOB) WORSE THAN ANY JAIL I COULD EVER HAVE BEEN SENT TO! IT'S WORSE EVEN ... THAN THAT CLOSET WHEN I WAS A KID! I WISH I **COULD** GET BACK TO MY OWN WORLD, I'D GIVE MYSELF UP.'

'YOU SHALL RECEIVE NO VISITORS, SPEAK TO NO ONE! YOU SHALL BE FREE ONLY WHEN MENTAL SCANNER TESTS SHOW THAT YOU NO LONGER HAVE A CRIMINAL MENTALITY!'



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Not ten, not twenty, not thirty, but FIFTY balloons, all kinds, for only \$1.25—together with a hand pump that will pump up your balloons in no time at all! Have fun at parties with your own supply of colorful balloons. Send only \$1.25 with coupon today. Sorry, no C.O.D.'s. Satisfaction guaranteed or you may return balloons for full refund.

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JOSELY COMPANY, Dept. B-3
1472 Broadway, New York 36, N. Y.

NO C.O.D.'s

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is \$3.98. Send Circus Boy Ice Cream Maker
Enclosed is \$1.25. Send 50 Balloons with Pump.

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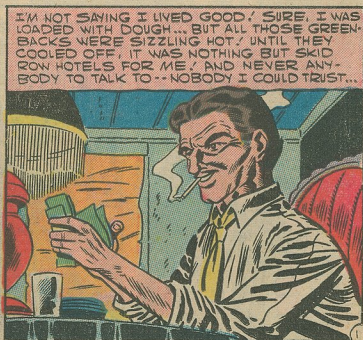
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UNUSUAL TALES

YOU'VE SEEN MY NAME IN THE PAPERS! BLACKIE NELSON, PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE... THAT WAS ME! BUT YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED... NOBODY KNOWS YET! AND IF YOU HAVE ANY BRAINS IN YOUR HEAD, MAYBE YOU'LL LEARN A LESSON FROM...

THE DAY I LIVED OVER AGAIN



UNUSUAL TALES

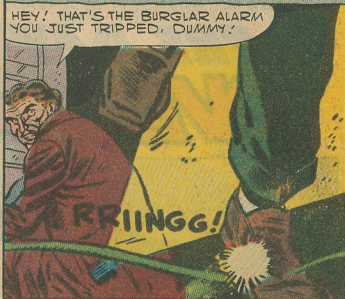
I'LL NEVER FORGET THE DAY WE PLANNED THE JOB...I HAD A PARTNER...

YOU AND ME, JERRY! WE'LL LIVE LIKE KINGS!

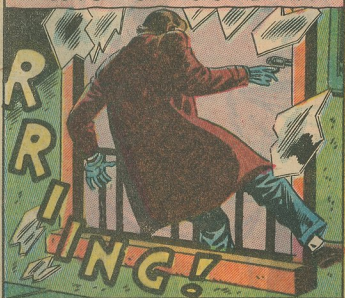


BUT JERRY WAS A BUTTERFINGERS FROM THE WORD GO! THAT NIGHT...

HEY! THAT'S THE BURGLAR ALARM YOU JUST TRIPPED, DUMMY!



I LIT OUT FAST! I WASN'T GOING TO STICK MY NECK OUT FOR A DODO LIKE JERRY...



FROM HERE ON IN, I WORK ALONE! THAT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN BE SURE NEVER TO GET NABBED!



AND SO, HERE I WAS WAITING FOR THE HEAT TO COOL OFF ... AND IT WAS GETTING ON MY NERVES... NEVER ANYBODY TO TALK TO...



HEY, MISTER! LOOK WHERE YOU'RE GOING!

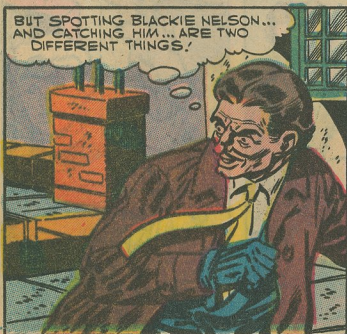


SHE HAD BABY BLUE EYES! I KNEW HER TYPE...ALL BEAUTY AND NO BRAINS...

WHAT ABOUT LETTING A FELLOW PAY FOR NOT LOOKING WHERE HE WAS GOING? HOW ABOUT AN EARLY LUNCH?



UNUSUAL TALES



UNUSUAL TALES

YOUR'S TRULY NEVER STUCK HIS NECK OUT TO HELP ANYONE... BUT THERE WAS JUST ONE SMALL ROCK THAT HAD TO BE MOVED...

HELP!

HERE'S WHERE MY STORY STARTS SOUNDING NUTTY! BUT IF YOU HAVE ANY BRAINS IN YOUR HEAD, YOU'LL BELIEVE WHAT I REALLY SAW...

GASP!

I WAS PINNED UNDER THAT ROCK--AND YOU SAVED ME!

AND NOW FOR YOUR REWARD! YOU HAVE SAVED A LEPRECHAUN EVEN WHILE ATTEMPTING TO ELUDE CAPTURE! AND SO I GRANT YOU THE POWER TO LIVE THIS DAY OVER AGAIN!

I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT MYSELF...UNTIL I BEGAN TO BLACK OUT...

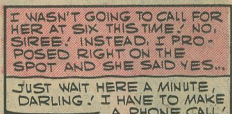
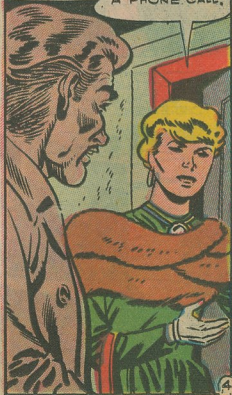
WHAT A BREAK! I'LL LIVE THE DAY OVER AGAIN... AND THIS TIME I WON'T WALK INTO THAT POLICE STAKEOUT!

HEY, MISTER, LOOK WHERE YOU'RE GOING!

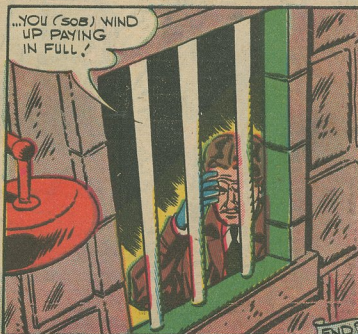
THE DAY'S STARTING OVER AGAIN! THIS DOLL'S GOING TO FALL FOR ME...ONLY THIS TIME I'M GOING TO WORK THINGS DIFFERENT!

I WASN'T GOING TO CALL FOR HER AT SIX THIS TIME! NO, SIREE! INSTEAD, I PROPOSED RIGHT ON THE SPOT AND SHE SAID YES...

JUST WAIT HERE A MINUTE, DARLING! I HAVE TO MAKE A PHONE CALL!



UNUSUAL TALES



END

CLAIRVOYANCE

MOST UNUSUAL: A STATUE OF A BOY ON YOUR CAMPUS! I THOUGHT ONLY COLLEGE PRESIDENTS AND WAR HEROES RATED THIS HONOR.

DAVID FENNER WAS A MOST UNUSUAL BOY... A CLAIRVOYANT... WHOSE MIND DID MORE FOR OUR UNIVERSITY AND COUNTRY THAN ANY SIX PRESIDENTS! BUT LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT HIM...



DAVID WAS AN ORDINARY BOY WHO WOULD RATHER PLAY BASEBALL THAN EAT...

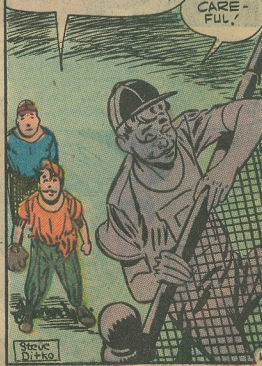
GOING... GOING! IT'S A HOMER!

OH... HECK!



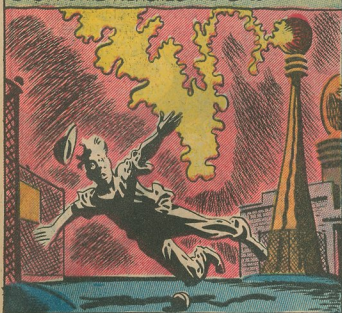
HEY, DAVE... THAT SIGN SAYS IT'S DANGEROUS! MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T GO AFTER THE BALL?

DON'T WORRY, I'LL BE CAREFUL!



UNUSUAL TALES

JUST AS HE REACHED THE BALL...



THE EXPLOSION WAS A POSITIVE FEEDBACK FROM THE ENERGY LAB'S CYCLOTRON...

WHEN! THAT WAS SOME FLASH OF LIGHTNING! I... I GUESS I'M ALL RIGHT, THOUGH!



WHAT HAPPENED, DAVE? YOU OKAY?

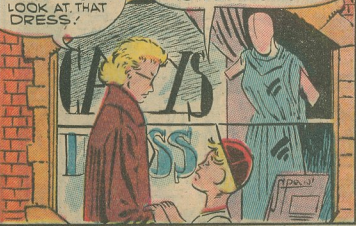
SURE! IT WAS NO-THING! LET'S GO ON WITH THE GAME, FELLERS!



THERE WERE NO ILL EFFECTS FROM THE SHOCK! BUT SOME DAYS LATER, THE FIRST SIGNS OF HIS UNUSUAL NEW POWER APPEARED...

DAVID, STOP PULLING ME! I WANT TO LOOK AT THAT DRESS!

MOM, I TELL YOU WE CAN'T STAY HERE! YOU JUST HAVE TO LISTEN TO ME! MOVE!



WITH DESPERATE FORCE, HE TORE HER FROM THE SPOT...

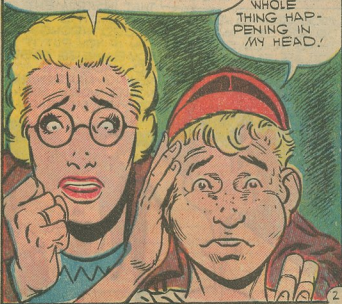
YIII!

MOM... HURRY!



DAVID...Y-YOU SAVED MY LIFE! B-BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW?

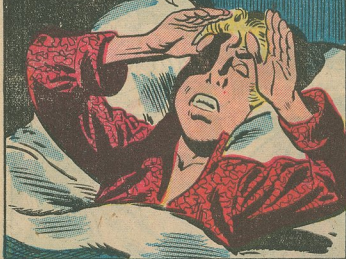
I JUST SAW THE WHOLE THING HAPPENING IN MY HEAD!



UNUSUAL TALES

SOME WEEKS LATER, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT...

MOMMY, DADDY! NOOO, IT MUSN'T HAPPEN!



AT FIRST THEY THOUGHT IT WAS A NIGHTMARE...

DADDY MUSN'T TAKE THAT MORNING TRAIN! IT'S GOING TO CRASH AT... AT BARRINGTON! I SAW IT!

ALL RIGHT, SON... I PROMISE NOT TO TAKE THAT TRAIN IF IT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER! BUT I WISH I KNEW WHAT'S GOING ON!



THE NEXT DAY AT LUNCH...

...WE INTERRUPT OUR PROGRAM TO BRING YOU A SPECIAL DISASTER FLASH! THE CRACK SILVER CHIEF, JUMPED THE TRACKS AFTER CRASHING INTO A FREIGHT TRAIN AT BARRINGTON! ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE PASSENGERS ARE REPORTED INJURED...

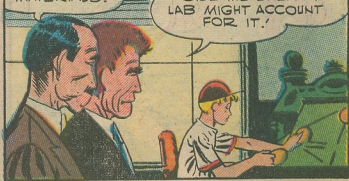
GREAT HEAVENS! THAT WAS TO BE MY TRAIN!



DAVID'S SIXTH SENSE SOON BECAME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AFTER SEVERAL OTHER INCIDENTS! THAT'S WHEN THE UNIVERSITY BECAME INTERESTED...

LOOK AT THAT, CARL! AMAZING THE WAY HE FINDS THE LOGICAL PATTERN OF DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE MATERIALS!

HE HAS ONE OF THOSE RARE BRAINS THE INTUITIONAL GENIUS TYPE THAT SEES THE GESTALT IN A FLASH! THAT SHOCK HE HAD OUTSIDE THE ENERGY LAB MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR IT!



SOON DAVID WAS BEING GUIDED AROUND THE ENERGY LABS...

LOOK AROUND, DAVID! DO YOU SEE ANYTHING WHICH STRIKES YOU AS FAMILIAR... OR SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO WORK ON?

THAT INSTRUMENT THERE... IT'S PLACED WRONG! NOW IF YOU PUT IT SOMEWHERE ELSE AND MADE THE OPENING NARROWER IT WOULD WORK BETTER! LET ME SHOW YOU!



THEY WATCHED IN AWE AS DAVID MANIPULATED THE DELICATE MACHINE...

HIS FINGERS GO RIGHT TO THE PARTS WE WORKED YEARS TO PUT TOGETHER!

CARL, THAT CHANGE IN THE OSCILLATING PATTERN HAS JUMPED THE ERGS SIX TIMES! LOOK AT THIS DIAL... WHEW!



YOGI BERRA
HOMERS IN THE 9th-
WINS BIG GAME!

GIVEN!

BOYS! GIRLS! LADIES! MEN!
WE GIVE YOU **CASH**
or **PREMIUMS**



GET A
SIGNED
PICTURE
OF YOGI
BERRA
FREE!
PLUS FREE
"PUZZLES"
MAIL COUPON



GOSH! LOOK AT ALL THOSE GIFTS YOGI IS GETTING FROM THE FANS!

CONGRATULATIONS ON "YOGI BERRA NIGHT!"



MAY WE HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH, MR. BERRA?

SURE- CLUB HOUSE

GEE! WISH WE COULD GET SWELL GIFTS LIKE THAT!



TAKE IT FROM ME, KIDS, THE EASIEST WAY OF ALL FOR YOU TO GET SWELL GIFTS OR CASH IS BY SELLING WHITE CLOVERINE BRAND SALVE!



-SO BETTY AND BOB TOOK YOGI'S ADVICE AND MAILED IN THE COUPON

YES, I'LL TAKE FOUR BOXES-

YOGI WAS RIGHT! LOOK AT ALL THE WONDERFUL PREMIUMS WE EARNED SELLING WHITE CLOVERINE BRAND SALVE!



ELVIS PRESLEY GUITAR WITH AUTOMATIC CHORD PLAYER
ACT NOW

CHROME WRIST WATCH
BICYCLE ROY ROGERS LAMP FLASH CAMERA

CATCHER'S MITT
BASEBALL AND BAT
ELECTRIC POP-UP TOASTER

WOW! I'M GONNA SELL SOME OF THAT SALVE TOO!



EXTRA! EXTRA!

YOU GET FREE GIFTS FOR MAILING COUPON NOW
FREE! Yogi Berra Picture! Exciting "Puzzles"!

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THIS FORMULA... HAS TO LEAD TO THIS! I CAN'T EXPLAIN WHY... I JUST FEEL IT!

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IT'S LOGICAL, BUT WE DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU ARRIVE AT IT!

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THEN WE CAN FINALLY LAUNCH THE SATELLITE!

AFTER A YEAR OF INTENSIVE, HIGH LEVEL WORK, DAVID SUDDENLY FELL ILL...

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ME, DOCTOR BROWN?

NOTHING ORGANIC... BUT I DON'T THINK YOU CAN RETURN TO THE UNIVERSITY JUST YET!

WHAT CAN WE DO, DOCTOR?

THE ONLY MEDICINE IS REST AND RELAXATION! HE'S BEEN WORKING TOO HARD WITHOUT PLAY! DON'T FORGET, HE MAY HAVE THE BRAIN OF A GENIUS, BUT HE'S STILL A CHILD!

WORK CEASED FOR DAVID! HE BECAME A NORMAL TEN YEAR OLD AGAIN--THAT IS, HE TRIED...

HEY, FELLERS! HOW ABOUT CHOOSING ME IN A GAME?

AWW, GO PEDDLE YOUR SPACESHIP! GO AWAY... YOU'RE ALL HOPPED UP WITH THAT YOURANIUM!

GO BACK TO YOUR LAB, PROFESSOR!

LOOK WHO WANTS TO PLAY BALL!

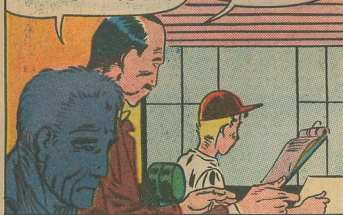
HEY, HAVE YOU FIGURED WHO'S GOING TO WIN THE SERIES ON MARS?

UNUSUAL TALES

THE VACATION WAS A DUD! DAVID WENT BACK TO THE UNIVERSITY APATHETICALLY...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO DAVID LATELY! ALL HE DOES IS STARE! HE CAN'T CONCENTRATE ON THE SIMPLEST PROBLEM.

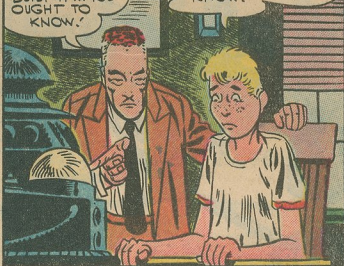
BETTER SEND HIM OVER TO DOCTOR HALSTEAD AT THE PSYCHIATRIC CENTER!



EXTENSIVE TESTS WERE CONDUCTED...

WHAT'S THIS, DAVID? YOU BUILT IT... YOU OUGHT TO KNOW!

I TELL YOU I CAN'T REMEMBER! I DON'T KNOW!



DAYS OF SKILLED PROBING WENT BY-- WITHOUT SUCCESS...

WHY DID YOU LEAVE THE X QUOTIENT OUT OF THE FORMULA?

I DON'T KNOW! I DON'T KNOW! LEAVE ME ALONE!



IT'S HOPELESS! THE BLOCK HE'S SET UP IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BREAK! ALL HE WANTS IS TO BE A NORMAL BOY... AND THAT'S WHAT HIS CLAIRVOYANCE WASN'T LETTING HIM BE! YOU'D BETTER TAKE HIM HOME!

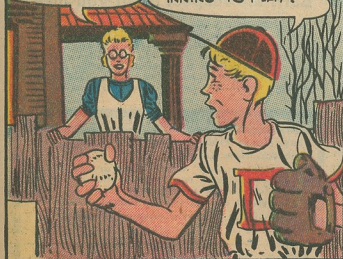
I'M GLAD! I DON'T WANT DAVID CHEATED OUT OF HIS CHILDHOOD! WHEN HE'S OLDER, HE CAN COME BACK TO THIS... IF HE WANTS TO!



SEVERAL MONTHS LATER, DAVID WAS A HAPPY, NORMAL KID AGAIN...

DAVID, IT'S TIME FOR SUPPER!

AWW, MOM, WE'VE GOT ONLY ONE MORE INNING TO PLAY!



REMARKABLE STORY! I UNDERSTAND THE STATUE'S PLACE HERE NOW! BUT TELL ME... WHERE'S DAVID?

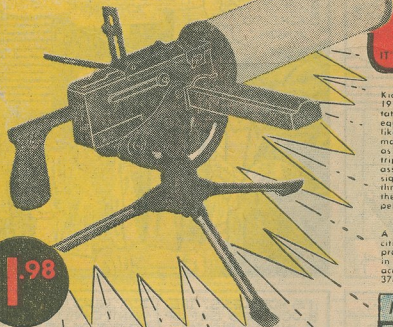
OH, HE'S IN HIGH SCHOOL NOW... VERY OUTSTANDING STUDENT... BUT NOT CLAIRVOYANT! THE SHOCK MUST HAVE WORN OFF! BUT WHO KNOWS WHAT THE FUTURE WILL BRING?



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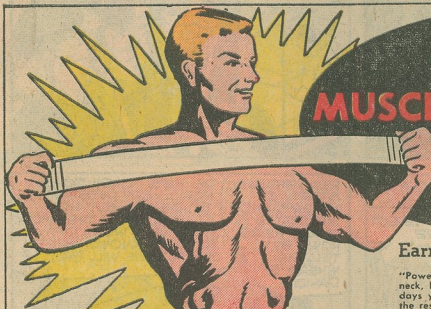
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